

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-17 and 22-30 are pending in the application. Claims 11 and 12, which were indicated to be allowable together with claims 13-14, have been amended into independent form by including all the limitations of the base claim 1 and those of the intervening claims (5 and 10 or 5, respectively). Rejected claims 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 15 and 16 are being currently amended to depend directly from now independent, allowable claim 12. Claims 3, 7, 8 and 17 also now depend from claim 13 by virtue of the amendments to claims 2 and 6.

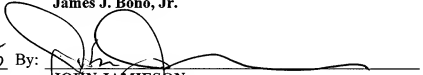
Claims 1, 5 and 18-21 are cancelled without prejudice to re-presenting them in a continuation application. The rejections of the examined claims 1-10 and 15-21 are traversed.

The examiner is thanked for consideration and allowance of claims 22-30.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2-4, 6-10 and 15-17 and objections to claims 11-14 and allowance of the application and all currently pending claims 2-4, 6-17 and 22-30 are respectfully requested.

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